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The Honorable Albert H. Quie House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Quie:

As you know, employees of this Agency who are injured in the performance of their duties are eligible for benefits as provided under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act. I have been personally interested in the progress of the House bill, H. R. 10721, to amend this Act.

The \$525 maximum limitation on benefits under the existing law is certainly antiquated in comparison with present Government employees pay scales and would impose a financial hardship on the many employees in grade levels affected by this limitation. Your understanding of this situation and your appreciation of the hardship which the present law imposes was a major factor, I am sure, in bringing this problem to the attention of the House Labor Subcommittee.

We, at CIA, are also grateful to you for your assistance in obtaining passage of the specific provision providing employees under the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement Program benefits equivalent to those provided under the Civil Service system.

While your work on this measure may not be widely known, thousands of Federal employees and their dependents are indebted to you for making these increased benefits available.

Sincerely, (signof) W. F. Pabern

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

Attached for your signature are two letters to key Congressmen with whom we dealt working for a suitable liberalization of benefits under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act. This is the legislation which is applicable in cases like the Saigon bombing injuries. The bill as passed by the House today will provide maximum benefits up to 75% of the top of the grade GS-15 salary level as opposed to \$525 per month in the existing law. We consider this a major employee benefit and will continue to work toward the passage of this bill in the Senat

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